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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Naofumi YANAGIHARA et al.  
Serial No. : 09/341,401  
Filed : August 23, 1999  
For : DIGITAL SIGNAL CONVERSION METHOD AND DIGITAL  
SIGNAL CONVERSION DEVICE  
Examiner : Shawn S. AN  
Art Unit : 2613

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	14	Minus	** =20	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$
Independent claims	3	Minus	*** =3	* 0 x	\$84 (42)	= \$
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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Signature  
March 16, 2004  
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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Final Office Action of February 2, 2004, please  
amend this application as follows: